FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Science

This year I have been able to fund a specialist science position to support the academic program of students in Years 3-6. This position is being covered by Dr Brendan Medlin. Brendan has been a long term member of our teaching staff who happens to be a very proficient teacher with a high level of scientific knowledge. The content he has been able to deliver to the students has engaged them well. STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is one of the areas that our Department is placing great importance on.

Gala Days

Good luck to all our sporting teams. I know the Wilston teachers who take teams away constantly speak to the students about sun safety and keeping hydrated. Could I ask that you remind your child to take their sunscreen and water bottles with them on Friday? Though our teachers are vigilant around this they also have officiating duties to perform in regard to refereeing games etc and students need to take some responsibility in ensuring they are protected.

Under 8s Day

Next Friday 27 May, Prep—Year 2 students will be celebrating Under 8s day from 11.30—1.00pm. A letter went home last week detailing the activities. Please ensure that you return the tear-off section if your child cannot participate in any of the food related activities. Under 8s Day is always a wonderful event and well supported by our Prep—Year 2 parents. If you are able to help on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Prep 2017

Prep enrolment packs are now available from the office for families of in catchment students or siblings of existing students at Wilston in 2017.

Pool Works

There have been some unforeseen problems with the work taking place around the pool. I am hopeful that this will not lead to a lengthening of the project time. When cutting into the platform on the western side of the pool the layering of concrete has been a lot thicker than anticipated and heavier machinery has had to be introduced. This excavation is to install the pipes that return filtered water back into the pool. I will keep you posted as the work progresses.
CHESS CLUB

Wilston Chess has done it again!!! Not only are the Gardiner coaches seeing such great improvement but students are also representing our school in tournaments. On the 1 May Liam T Archie M and Sach E represented Wilston in the junior division of the Nudgee Tournament. The boys played extremely well coming away with some great scores and experiences.

Liam T 4/7
Archie M 3/7
Sach E 2/7.

Well done – we are all very proud of you! For those interested in competing in tournaments, don’t worry, there are so many of these little weekend and holiday events (almost every weekend). They are a great experience for everyone, practising your chess skills and putting into action all of your tactics.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me on: adone10@eq.edu.au

Alys Doneley

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club
Our school is participating in the Scholastic Book Club this term. In the catalogue you will find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. They span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are great value. Owning your own books is something special!

Issue 4 Book Club catalogues will be sent home this week.
Orders will close on Monday 30 May.

Thank you for using – LOOP – Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app.

Please note Wilston State School is not accepting cash orders. Please do not send any orders or cash to school. All orders must be selected and paid for online.

While there is never any obligation to order, each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that all payments are now due. Blue statements were sent out this week. When paying by BPOINT please enter ONLY the invoice number where it is stated on the payment.
The Biller Code is 1002534.

Payments need to be received WELL in ADVANCE if you wish your child to attend excursions and incursions. There are a number of excursion/activities coming up. Please ensure payment has been made.

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
The first of three Gala Days will be held this Friday. Students need to ensure that they have all of their relevant protective equipment (soccer/rugby league) to enable them to play. Students will also need to have their school hat and water bottle before they will be allowed on the bus.

Sunscreen should be applied before students come to school and reapplied throughout the day. Students are advised to bring their own sunscreen with them but there will be some at each venue.

Venues for Gala Day:
Boys Soccer: Grammar Playing Fields
Girls Soccer: Virginia United Soccer Club
Rugby League: Norths Rugby League
Girls Touch: Valleys Hockey at Shaw Rd
Tag League: Norths Rugby at Shaw Rd

Students will be playing multiple games throughout the day and will need to ensure that they stay hydrated. Students will be informed of the procedures at our pre Gala Day meeting.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
Thank you to the Mums, Dads and other family members who came along to our open rehearsal on Friday. It was a lovely morning and so nice to have an encouraging audience!

Please return permission forms for the Northey St Market performance ASAP and choir will run as normal on Gala Days.

Upcoming Performances
Northey St Market Performance Sunday June 5 Arrive 9.45am
10.00am Performance
Assembly Performance Thursday June 16 1.45pm
Ringbalin Term 3 Week 1 Mon, Thurs, Fri July 11, 14, 15.

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Next Thursday (May 20), the Vivace String Ensemble will be competing in the biennial Fanfare competition at Kelvin Grove Secondary College. We wish them all the best in their performance. Please make sure all students have their white polo shirts for the performance.

Junior Strings Music Camp
Just a reminder that payment and permission slips are due back from selected students for the Junior Strings Music Camp. If students are not wanting to participate, could they let Kathryn Payne know. Thanks.

Kathryn Payne

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Band Blitz
Just a reminder that payment and permission slips are due back from selected students for the Band Blitz. If students are not wanting to participate, could they let Colin McIntyre know. Thanks.

Colin McIntyre

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Mexican is back. Yes Tuesday is our new Mexican day. Jump on line to check out our menu.

Gala Days we will be out at the Grammar Felds this Friday sells treats to the kids doing soccer.
Week beginning 23rd May 2016
Monday 23       CLOSED
Tuesday 24      Elena Hoppman, Mirella Fyimoto, Marion Jones
                Sarah Bender, Katherine Napier, Roxanne
                Gorman
Wednesday 25    Sarah Bender, Katherine Napier, Roxanne
                Gorman
Thursday 2      Megan Beattie, Amanda Burke, Leah Westbrook
Friday 2        Kathy Davies, Janice, Sharon Snowden,
                Catherine Scott

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Winter uniform items are selling fast and as many of you know, some sizes of jackets and rugby polos are out of stock. While we continue to work with manufacturers to update our winter uniform, Lowes at Stafford City have agreed to stock some unisex tracksuit tops and bottoms in brown. If you have any winter uniform items that no longer fit, please drop them in to us and we will find new homes for them.

Here’s a few more things you need to know this week:

Entertainment Books: Packed with discounts for restaurants, cafes, movies, shops, and travel, the Entertainment Book would make a great family investment or gift for someone special. It costs $65 and has over $20,000 of value inside. The Uniform/Bookshop is handling all Entertainment Book orders for this year so when you order online at www.entbook.com.au/221987b we’ll deliver the books direct to your class teacher’s pigeonholes on Wednesdays and Fridays. Or drop in and pay at the shop when we’re open on Wednesdays and Fridays. The best part for the kids is that 20% of sales is donated back to the school.

Tip of the week: If you are waiting for a new school dress in sizes 10, 12, or 14, we are expecting our second shipment by early next term. We have started a registry for people keen not to miss out on a dress so pop in or ring up and we’ll make sure you are contacted as soon as the dresses are unpacked. There are still plenty of dresses in sizes 4, 6, and 8.

Did you know: The recorder was first documented in the Middle Ages but only became a popular educational instrument in the 20th Century. Bach, Handel, and Leonard Bernstein have all written music for recorder. Billy Joel, Dido, and Paul McCartney are some of the musicians who have played the recorder in their music. At the Uniform/Bookshop we sell the Yamaha 24B recorder, which is a great starting instrument in the Key of C and sells for $15.

Ever onward Wilston!

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Our monthly P&C Meeting will be held tonight in the Staff Room (D Block).
You are all welcome to attend.

2016 ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
2 WEEKS TO GO
Don't miss out -Tickets on sale NOW.
Saturday 4 June 2016
Theme - Film and Television

Purchase your ticket through the P&C Website www.wiltonpandc.org.au/$250 a table or $25 a ticket and we will find you a table.

Contact Kath O’Hara (k-ohana@bigpond.net.au) or Michelle Tribe (michmatti@bigpond.net.au) to let us know your chosen table theme.

Note that this is an adult’s only event.

2016 Trivia Night—Kids Trivia Challenge
Week three of the Kids Trivia Challenge. Each week leading up to the Trivia Night on June 4 we have a trivia question to answer. Return your answer, with your name and class, via the class Blue Bag by next Wednesday for your chance to win!!

Prep to Year 2
What is the name of Kristoff’s reindeer in the film “Frozen”?

Year 3 to Year 6
Which of the following songs features in the film “The Lion King”? A. Let It Go
B. Circle Of Life
C. Circle Of Love.

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This year Wilston State School are selling Entertainment. Memberships as part of our School. We receive 20% profit from every membership sold, and if you buy from us now you will receive over 12 months of value, while helping us reach our fundraising goals at the same time!
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You.

WKC – Good Bye Elle!
If you have kids attending before and after school care, you will be familiar with Elle Green’s lovely smile and dynamism. Elle has been one of our longest service members, starting in 2009 when her older sister was working in the service. Elle was one of our youngest educators and, growing in the role, became the qualified coordinator of the large service that we are today. These last few years, Elle has been instrumental in the good functioning of WKC. The service would not have been able to operate without her hard work and her will to always improve the quality and safety. Her gaiety and patience have made her a hit with the kids and parents alike. In our kids words: “She’s awesome…..”.

Elle is leaving us for an exciting overseas adventure. After a short holiday break, she will be taking her energy to Europe, starting with London where she will work as an educator. She plans to stay there for at least a year and maybe more.

The WKC subcommittee wishes her lots of success in her endeavours, she will be sorely missed and we envy those who will have the opportunity to work with her.

Elle finished her full time role as coordinator last Friday, but will be staying with us on a casual basis through May, handing over to Tammy Wilson. Many of you would be familiar with Tammy who has been with WKC for around a year now in various roles including coordinating Friday mornings. Tammy will be acting in the coordinator role while a formal recruitment process is undertaken and we are grateful to Tammy for stepping up and to Elle for agreeing to stay on to effect a smooth handover and transition! Please take the time to stop by and say good bye to Elle and make Tammy feel welcome and comfortable in her new role!

WKC Parents- Come and join the Sub-Committee!
WKC is run by you, the parents, not by an external organisation. The Sub-Committee needs your input and your help. Our meetings run from 6.00 to 7.30pm to allow for an early night.

Bring your kids! They will be looked after including a proper dinner on site for the children. Nibbles are arranged for the adults. The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 18 May at 6.00pm in the WKC office.

Tel: 3352 6753
wilstonkidscare@optusnet.com.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

LTS and Squad Training Windsor State School
The start of the winter series and the move to Windsor State School has been well accepted and all is going smoothly. Any squad swimmers who would like to attend the squad sessions with Noel but have not yet joined in! The water is warm and inviting.

Reminder - Learn to Swim is running Monday to Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings at Windsor pool. We are encouraged by the take up rate of these lessons - it’s not too late to book in if you have not already. Just contact Kirsten for more information on the LTS - remember it is always good to be consistent with swimming during winter.

Reminder - Yeronga Park Swimming Club is holding a Short Course Development Meet on Sunday 29 May 2016. This is a great meet for all levels and as there are not many meets in the winter season it is a great opportunity to do some racing or to commence racing if new to the idea. Nominations are via MyLane and the link can be found on the Yeronga Swim Club’s website. Entries close this Saturday 21 May 2016.

The next Committee Meeting will be Thursday 2 June at 7.00pm in B Block.

Wilton Crocs have a Facebook page. Please ‘like us’ and keep up to date on all swimming news.

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9th/10th July to 30th/31st July (single Japanese)
30th/31st July to 20th/21 August (single Japanese)
16th/17th July to 13th August/14th August (double Chinese)
1st August to 19th August (single Japanese)

Homestay families are paid $260 per week and must provide breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday to Sunday.

Student are over 18 years of age

Students are attending QUT Kelvin Grove to learn English. English must be spoken in the home and the home must be 40 minutes or less total travel time to Kelvin Grove busway (behind P Block).

For more information email Cora
cora@bluearrow.com.au Mobile: 0411957502

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theGRANGEclub

Every third Friday of the month is Ladies Night at the Grange Bowls and Community Club.

Come join other local ladies for an evening of relaxed social company.

Where: 79 Sellheim Street Grange
When: From 6:30pm, every third Friday, next being 20 May and then the 17th of June.

Grab some friends or come and meet other local ladies to relax for an hour or two!!
WILSTON STATE SCHOOL P&C ANNUAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

Theme - Film and television

SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016
@ 7PM

Prizes, raffles, games and lots of fun! BYO food.

$250 table of 10 or $25 per ticket and we will find you a table. Places are limited so get in quick!

Reserve your table via
Register your theme with k-ohara@bigpond.net.au or Michelle Tribe michmatt@bigpond.net.au

This is an adults-only licensed event (no children please).